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ONE place @ kpl opens

March 3, 4-5:30 pm, presentation 4:30 pm, Central

Kyle Caldwell, president of the Michigan Nonprofit Association, will help Kalamazoo Public Library launch ONE place @ kpl, a new management support center for nonprofit organizations in Kalamazoo County, on March 3. Bobbe Luce, who directs ONE place, will describe the center's purpose.

ONE place—which stands for Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence—will offer nonprofit organizations technical assistance, referrals to targeted resources, training and support through workshops, webinars, and peer learning gatherings.



ONE place @ kpl grew out of discussions with area foundation and nonprofit leaders. Kalamazoo Public

Library was selected to house the center because of its central location, strong infrastructure, and neutral, information-based mission.

Major funding for ONE place is provided by the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation and Kalamazoo Community Foundation with start-up support from the Greater Kalamazoo United Way, materials support from the Timothy and Bernadette Marquis Foundation, and in-kind support from the Kalamazoo Public Library.

her library home

Karol Evans has come to think of the Eastwood Branch Library as a home away from home. Like her church, Bible Baptist, kind people gather there, she says. And where better to escape the Michigan winter doldrums than a cheerful place filled with adventure and friendly faces?

"I love mysteries and I love British authors," says Karol, who confesses to reading four books at once. "The library is my family and the books are my entertainment." She has come to know most of the staff by name. "I have a hoot talking to Barbara and Sam and Tammy and Doris and Jennifer. They love books and I love books. They're so nice, they've spoiled me."

Visit www.kpl.gov/your-story to see more library patrons' stories. Do you love the library? Do you have a library story that you want to share? Click the link "What's your story?" or call 533-7879 for more information.

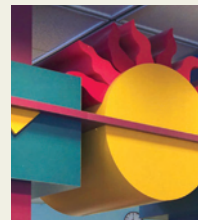


Eastwood staff member Barb Veld suggests titles to patron Karol Evans.

party at powell

April 29, 6-8 pm

The Alma Powell Branch Library will celebrate three special anniversaries with a party this spring.



The Alma Powell Room first opened at the Lincoln School in 1969. The branch moved to the Douglass Community Center 25 years ago to be closer to neighborhood homes and children.

In 1989, Powell launched the Barnabee Gallery. Dr. Walden Baskerville, a local sculptor and psychologist at WMU, led the effort to create the gallery as a showcase for children's art.

The gallery, a regular Art Hop site, now exhibits work by a variety of artists of all ages through the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

The party will feature food, music and a presentation to honor Dr. Baskerville for his vision and inspiration. Join us!



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spring events

books & more

craft couture

With artist and crafter Jessica Aguilera. Materials provided. Space limited. Registration required; call 553-7809.

Spin a Yarn

March 5, 6:30 pm, Central
Learn how to make a lovely handmade scarf – no sewing or knitting experience required! You will be amazed!

Don't Box Me In

April 9, 6:30 pm, Central
Learn the basics of decoupage and design your own keepsake box.

Yo!! Yo-Yo's

May 20, 6:30 pm, Central
Create a classic fabric yo-yo and turn your creation into a lovely one-of-a-kind tote bag.



Art Hop

March 6, 6-8 pm, Central

Three levels of beautiful art and great music! Featured will be an exhibition of mixed art from local artist Eana Agopian. Local favorites the Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra will perform on the 2nd Level. In the Van Deusen Room, Boston-based acoustic folk singer Jess Yoakum will offer a very special concert.

author visits

Words by Prose

March 12, 8 pm, Central

Meet Francine Prose, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Reading Like a Writer*. Her newest, *Goldengrove*, has been acclaimed as

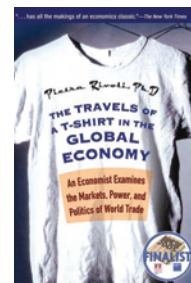


"among the great novels of adolescence," "insightful, lyrical," and "her most emotionally satisfying novel." WMU's Gwen Frostic Reading Series, co-sponsor. Books for sale and signing.

A T-Shirt's Journey

April 2, 7 pm, Central

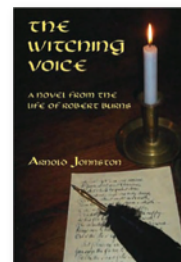
Economist Pietra Rivoli follows the path of t-shirts in the global economy, from a Texas cotton farm, to mills and factories in China, to a Florida shop, to a market in Tanzania in *The Travels of a T-shirt in the Global Economy*. Hear her fascinating explanation of globalization. In partnership with Kalamazoo College. Books for sale and signing.



Duets with Johnston & Percy

May 6, 7 pm, Central

Writers Arnold Johnston and Deborah Ann Percy will read from *Duets: Love Is Strange*, their recently published book of one-act plays that explores relationships between men and women. Johnston also will read from *The Witching Voice*, his new novel about the life of Robert Burns.



Haute Cuisine, Ottoman Style

May 21, 7 pm, Central

A few people dined quite sumptuously in the 16th century Ottoman Empire. Chef and food historian Channon Mondoux has resurrected recipes from those days and shares them in her first e-book, *Celebration at the Sarayi: Reliving a Feast at the Palace of Süleyman the Magnificent*.



in concert

Mark Sahlgren

March 11, 7 pm, Central

Join the co-hosts of WMUK's Grass Roots, Mark Sahlgren (Sweetcorn) and Lorraine Caron (Duffield/Caron Project), with friend Darcy Wilkin (Corn Fed Girls) in this special celebration of music from the South, author Rick Bragg, and Reading Together. Hear great roots music and see some antique instruments from Mark's collection.

Who Hit John?

April 29, 7 pm, Central

Performing, jamming, and busking in SW Michigan since 2006, Who Hit John? has shared their energetic, original, old-time sound in bars, basements, street corners, concert halls – anywhere they can get folks stompin', singin' and clappin'. Drawn by a love for acoustic music, this group of misfits and prophets plans to take the world by storm, one song at a time.

Millish

May 13, 7 pm, Central

State champion bluegrass fiddler Brad Phillips, national award-winning jazz percussionist Mike Shimmin, world champion uilleann piper Isaac Alderson, national champion soloist jazz bassist Andrew Kratzat, and title-defying-creative-mastermind-insert-adjective-here guitarist Jesse Lee Mason share an active interest in jazz. As Millish, the band members have let their music coalesce over the past six years, never forcing a preconceived notion of "fusion." Now they're turning heads worldwide.



poetry feast

How to Write Poems

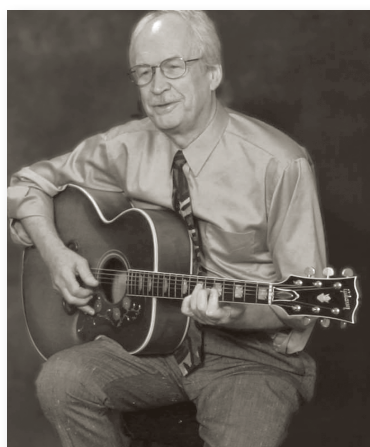
March 18, 4 pm, Central

Each year the Kalamazoo Friends of Poetry sponsors the Poems That Eat Our Ears contest for poets of all ages. Elizabeth Kerlikowske, Danna Ephland, Bonnie Jo Campbell and other local notables will offer this hands-on, interactive workshop for teachers—so they can help their students write poems that will eat our ears!

Rob Haight and Friends

April 22, 7 pm, Central

Four multi-talented poets and teachers will read from their recent work. Robert Haight also writes essays and articles on fly fishing, the environment, and education. Artist and activist Denise Miller co-owns Fire, a community arts venue in the former Portage Street Fire Station. Mezzo-soprano Sara Rivara performs with the Aspire Ensemble and raises 3-year-old Jonah. Bob Post serves on the Friends of Poetry board; his students call him an awesome teacher.



book groups

Discuss classics, best-sellers, and little-known gems.

Oshtemo

Second Tuesday
Oshtemo, 1 pm

March 10

I Sailed with Magellan

by Stuart Dybek

April 14

All Over but the Shoutin'

by Rick Bragg

May 12

Little Heathens

by Mildred

Armstrong Kalish



Reader's Roundtable

Third Tuesday
Central, 7 pm

March 17

A Confederacy of Dunces

by John Kennedy Toole

April 21

For One More Day

by Mitch Albom

May 19

The Good Thief

by Hannah Tinti



Classics Revisited

Third Thursday
Central, 7 pm

March 19

Collected Stories

by Eudora Welty

April 16

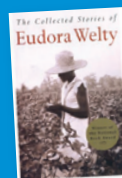
Heart of Darkness & The Secret Sharer

by Joseph Conrad

May 21

The Age of Innocence

by Edith Wharton



writing group

Each session includes a presentation followed by a hands-on workshop.

How to Self-Publish

with **Sonya and Sean Hollins**

March 11, 6 pm, Powell

Discuss the dos and don'ts of self publishing with the Hollins, owners of Fortitude Graphic Design and Printing, and authors who have self published their books with Fortitude's help. Bring your manuscript, ideas, and questions about the process for guidance. Registration required; call 553-7960.

Memoir Writing

with **Donna Odom**

April 8, 6 pm, Powell

Writing a memoir compares to storytelling—they may sound like fiction even though true. Rather than the full scope of an autobiography, memoirs focus on events and their impact on the writer. Learn how to sift through your past to capture still-vivid, meaningful moments. Registration required; call 553-7960.

Things My Mother Said

with **Jacque Eatmon**

May 13, 6 pm, Powell

Reflect on sayings passed through the generations. What values and lessons do we learn from maxims like "The time to take cake is when cake is being passed." Which do we still share with our children and grandchildren? Why are they still relevant today? Registration required; call 553-7960.

history & genealogy

genealogy

Genealogy Lock-In

March 27, 6-10 pm, Central

Enjoy a free after-hours event just for genealogists! Explore databases and Kalamazoo County vital records, learn how to use the microfilm reader/scanner/printer, save microfilm images to CD or flash drive—or just take advantage of free copying and printing during the event. If you like, bring your own laptop and use the library's WiFi network. Free parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning March 2 to register.



Intro to Genealogy

April 4, 10 am-12 pm, Central

Start compiling your family tree at this workshop in the library's computer lab! Learn how to search Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and KPL's own index to local newspapers featuring vital statistics back to 1834. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning March 16 to register.

Buseum: Held in the Heartland

May 19, 12-3 pm, Oshtemo

During WW II, some 250 prisoner of war camps dotted the Midwest, including one at Ft. Custer. These camps evoke ageless yet timely themes of war and peace, justice, human rights, reconciliation, and lessons for avoiding future conflicts. This mobile museum reveals the unknown story of German POWs in the Midwest through narrative texts, artifacts, and media.

neighborhood focus

Visit interesting, hidden or historic Kalamazoo areas in this series.



A Storied Past

May 7, 7 pm, Central

One of Kalamazoo's first lady doctors, a house that moved - twice, little farms, carriage barns, rich people, insane asylum attendants, a

cemetery, a fairground, a pie factory and a bomb shelter - all in the Vine Neighborhood. Neighborhood historian Sharon Ferraro will lead you through the human stories that make up Kalamazoo's oldest neighborhood.

Vine Architecture

May 11, 7 pm, Central

Kalamazoo's Vine neighborhood boasts a rich history, as well as a variety of architectural styles. Join local historian Lynn Houghton, author of *Kalamazoo Lost and Found* and leader of the Gazelle Historic Hikes as she discusses many of the structures and their styles that help make this area unique.

Rose Place Project

May 26, 7 pm, Central

Nestled in the Vine Neighborhood is a little gem known as Rose Place Historic District. Local resident Julie DeLuca, owner of Rose Place Project LLC, will share how a small group of dedicated, impassioned Rose Place property owners collaborated with the City of Kalamazoo and several other community entities to envision, design and implement "an enhanced urban living environment".



@ your library

Ask a Lawyer

March 4, April 1, May 6, 6 pm, Powell
March 12, April 9, May 14, 6 pm, Central
March 13, April 10, May 15, 11:30 am, Central

Free legal clinic for low to moderate income persons with County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, civil litigation issues, divorce and family law. Call 553-7920 to schedule a 20-minute appointment.

business resources

Programs especially designed for small business owners/managers.

Business Research Essentials

March 11, April 8, 7 pm, Central

Find print and online information to help start and manage a successful small business. Learn how to effectively navigate library data-bases. Identify elements of a business plan, legal business structures, industry trends, risk ratios, licensing, marketing, and more. Learn about industry associations that can help. A free workshop by the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center. Registration required; call 387-6004 to register.

Legal Issues for Small Businesses

March 16, 1-2:30 pm, Central

To thrive and remain competitive in today's market place, small businesses should be aware of legal issues that affect their ability to expand. William C. Bower, JD, and Michigan State University law students will discuss such legal issues as business formation and structure, accounting and reporting standards, and how to address risk and liability. Registration required; email ryang@kpl.gov or call 553-7844.



Get Tax Help

March 14, 10:30 am-3:30 pm, Oshtemo
March 28, April 11, 10 am-3 pm, Central

Free tax preparation help for individuals or families with a household income under \$42,000 in 2008 provided by an IRS-certified community tax volunteer from VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). Appointment required. Call 211 to sign up and for a list of what to bring.

investor education

Programs offered by the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation.

Investing Fundamentals

March 31, 6-9 pm, Central

Learn the basics about financial markets; make more-informed investment decisions and avoid common investing pitfalls. One-on-one counseling with highly-qualified financial services professionals available after this session. Registration required by March 23; call 553-7895.

Structuring a Portfolio

April 21 and 28, 6:30-9 pm, Oshtemo

The principles described in these follow-up sessions build on the earlier program about investing fundamentals, however attendance on March 31 is not required for these programs. Registration required by April 17; call 553-7895.

finding a job

In these three sessions, discuss and review necessary skills, determine your individual needs, then practice what you've learned with guidance from KPL's computer trainer and a business librarian. Learn what great materials and resources are available at KPL and within the community.

Resumés & Cover Letters

March 19, 2-4 pm

April 23, 2-4 pm

May 19, 6-8 pm

Discuss the ins and outs of resumé and cover letter writing, then create and/or revise these documents. Bring your current resume for review and suggestions. Microsoft Word experience helpful.

Job Seeking Tips & Tricks

April 16, 2-4 pm

May 12, 6-8 pm

Laid off? Just out of school? Looking for work after an extended absence? Learn where to find job listings, about job and career sites and resources, and how to apply for a job and submit a resumé in the digital age.

Interviewing Skills

April 30, 2-4 pm

May 26, 6-8 pm

Learn how to present yourself, what to wear, how to answer questions, and what information you should and shouldn't discuss in a job interview. Increase your confidence by rehearsing.

All sessions in the Computer Lab. Registration required. To register, call 553-7862.

@ your library

ONE place and you!

The Kalamazoo Literacy Council, now in its 35th year, just completed a thorough strategic plan. The Council wants to increase the number of volunteer literacy tutors so they can better serve the community and reach adults who need tutoring. To do that, they need to grow.

The Council wants to make the leap from an all-volunteer group with a working board to a board-governed organization with paid

professional staff. They're ready to move forward, so they visited ONE place @ kpl, the new nonprofit management support organization at Kalamazoo Public Library.

Andrea Enyedi and Jeremy Breeding (current Literacy Council board members) recently met with Bobbe Luce,

who directs ONE place @ kpl. Andrea found Bobbe to be an excellent listener. She felt Bobbe understood their situation and gave them some valuable suggestions and contacts to help implement the strategic plan.

They discussed such issues as organization structure; how to recruit the right people to serve on fundraising, marketing, and finance committees; and, the importance of marketing to growth and fund development.

The goal of ONE place @ kpl is to provide Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence (ONE) - to be the one place for nonprofit information, resources, training, and referrals. Visit ONE place @ kpl on the second floor of the Central Library and learn how it can help your nonprofit organization.

nonprofit resources

Programs to help develop and manage the nonprofit organization.

Grant Seeking Tips

March 10, 2:30 pm, Central

Explore KPL's grant seeking resources, including the powerful Foundation Directory Online. This introductory session includes basic requirements of various grantors, online grant searches, books, periodicals, and other resources. Registration required; email ONEplace@kpl.gov or call 553-7910.

Legal Issues for Nonprofits

March 16, 10-11:30 am, Central

Does your nonprofit organization comply with all legal requirements? If not, what do you do? Learn about little-known laws, unrelated business income, and other timely topics from William C. Bower, JD, and Michigan State University law students. Registration required; email ONEplace@kpl.gov or call 553-7910.

Grant Proposal Writing

March 24, 2:30 pm, Central

Learn step-by-step procedures for writing powerful grant proposals that meet the requirements of potential funders/grantors. Review key items to include and discuss ways to develop strong relationships with granting organizations. Registration required; email ONEplace@kpl.gov or call 553-7910.

Grants: Beyond the Basics

April 21, 2:30 pm, Central

Improve your prospects for funding! Learn how to polish your case statement, budget, and proposal package, and target research to your specific project. Must have taken Grant Seeking Tips and Grant Proposal Writing to participate in this hands-on workshop. Registration required; email ONEplace@kpl.gov or call 553-7910.



Kalamazoo Literacy Council board members Andrea Enyedi and Jeremy Breeding consult with Bobbe Luce.

tween/teen

Spring 2009

March, April, May

MARCH 8 - 14, 2009

T E E N T E C H W E E K

Tech Jewelry [®]

March 10, 6-7 pm, Central

Turn computer parts into fabulous finds! Keyboard bracelets, circuit board pins and more. Steady hands and a techy spirit will help you along! We provide the materials, you provide the creativity. Teens only.

Open Play Gaming featuring Retrogames

March 13, 3:30-5:30 pm, Central

All games and KPL gaming systems available. Drop in for an afternoon of games, snacks and fun! Come and play classic games from years past and compare the Atari 7800 to the Wii!

Join Teen Services on Facebook!

Catch up on T.A.B. meetings, meet friends, share ideas, get event reminders. Go to Facebook and search for KPL Teen Advisory Board.

Galley Review Group

March 5, April 2, May 7, 4-5 pm, Central

Be the first to read new teen books, even before they are published! Provide feedback to publishers, meet other teen readers and make your voice heard. Special advance reader copies will be available for checkout at each meeting. Bring a friend. Prize drawings!

Drop Zone

March 11, April 8, May 13, 4-5 pm, Eastwood

March 19, April 16, May 21, 4-5 pm, Washington Square

Drop in downstairs @ your library! Enjoy games, crafts, food and fun. Games vary each month. We love to play the Wii! FOOD! Tweens only.

Gamers' Arena

March 21, 12-4 pm, Central

Join other game loving teens for an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Gamers of all levels are welcome. Choose from one of our many board, card, Wii or PS2 games, or bring one of your own. Teens only.

J-Pop Club

March 23, April 27, May 18, 3:30-5 pm, Central

If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this super casual club! Enjoy the latest media (and food) straight from Japan. Anime, manga and Pocky for all, stop in at any time during the event! Teens only.



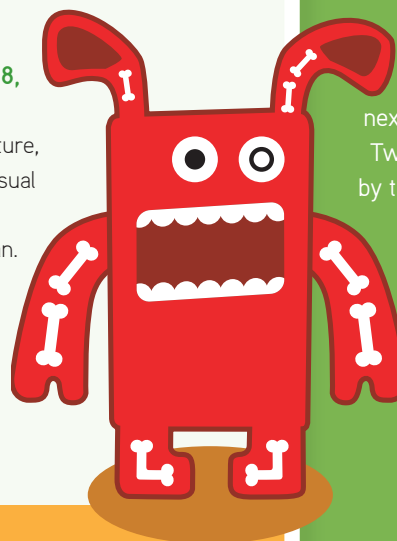
Sound Off!

Cast your vote on pressing issues at KPL's Teen webpage.

Issues like: Who's your favorite superhero? What movie should J-Pop Club watch next? Who's your favorite Twilight character? Drop by the Teen page and vote on the latest poll:

How do you listen to music?

- Compact Discs
- MP3s
- Streaming audio
- Vinyl Records
- Wax Cylinders



[®] = Registration required; sign up in advance at the location where the event will be held. Teen only events are for teens in grades 7-12. Tween only events are for tweens in grades 5-8.



Prom Prep

April 4, 1-3 pm, Central

Everything you need to prepare for prom! Shop our racks of dresses and accessories. If you see something you like, take it home! One minute manicures, hair and make up tips; all the prom essentials in one stop! Enter to win a free tuxedo rental and other fabulous prizes!

Teens only. **(Drop off your prom related donations to Teen Services throughout the month of March!)**



Digital Scavenger Hunt

April 6, 2-3 pm, Central

Point, click, priceless! See the library like you've never seen it before. Follow the clues, take a picture and show your work! Teams will travel the Central library, go behind the stacks and snap a photo that might end up on the KPL website. Cameras and snacks provided.



Monty Python Movie Night

April 7, 5-7 pm, Eastwood

Time for some Spring Break humor with *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

The entire Python gang star in this hilarious retelling of the knights of King Arthur and their quest for the Holy Grail. Food! Teens only.

Let's Play B-I-N-G-O

April 9, 2-3 pm, Oshtemo

Old fashioned fun with a library twist! Play Bingo and win fabulous prizes, maybe even books! Bingo cards and dobbers provided! Food!

Open Play Gaming

April 10, 2-4 pm, Central

All games and KPL gaming systems available. Drop in for afternoon gaming, food and fun. We will have the Wii!!

Guitar Hero Tournament

April 18, 2-4 pm, Central

Play your heart out with Guitar Hero. Every Guitar Hero game available. Be ranked, and play for that top spot in Easy/Medium or Hard/Expert. Prizes and food! Teens only.

Free Comic Book Day

May 2, 9-5 pm, Central, Teen Area

Stop by the Teen Area and pick up a free comic book to enjoy and keep. It's our way of celebrating the joy of comics on Free Comic Book Day 2009. One per person, while supplies last.

Cartooning with Kenjji

May 2, 2-4 pm, Central

Learn to draw with local comics artist Kenjji Jumanne-Marshall. From comics to caricatures, Kenjji has tips and tricks galore to take your cartooning to the next level.

Smashkart Tournament

May 16, 2-4 pm, Central

Get your game on in our new Wii game tournament! Race against your friends in Mario Kart, or pound away at your enemies in Super Smash Bros. Brawl! Teens only.



Join T.A.B.

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff plan and promote great teen programs, work on community service projects, discuss books, movies, music and web sites, have snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumes, job and college applications. Teens only.

Central T.A.B.

March 4, April 1, May 6
3:30-5 pm, Central

Eastwood T.A.B.

March 18, April 15, May 20
4-5 pm, Eastwood

Central Library
Teen Services
315 S Rose St
553-7807

Eastwood
1112 Gayle Ave
553-7810

Oshtemo
7265 W Main St
553-7980

Alma Powell
1000 W Paterson St
553-7960

Washington Square
1244 Portage St
553-7970

friends

brunch with friends

Join the Friends for their 50th annual meeting on **Saturday, May 2, at 10 am, at the Central Library's Van Deusen Room.** Enjoy coffee, tea, punch, and pastries; there's no charge, but a modest donation will be suggested. To reserve your space, please call 553-7821.

Local History specialist Beth Timmerman will tell us about the wealth of resources available in the Local History Room. Beth's bachelor's degree in public history and her interest in historic architecture and exploring old cemeteries make her especially qualified to lead Local History.

Under Beth's guidance, the Local History section of the KPL website has continued to grow. The site now features 130 Kalamazoo vignettes in 16 categories, from Arts & Entertainment to Towns, and 22 photo galleries. Beth's also developed a number of programs, including genealogy lock-ins and a neighborhood focus series.

join the library champions

The Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library is "dedicated to promoting the library as an essential institution in our community." We encourage literacy and reading and provide ongoing support to many library outreach programs and services.

We're celebrating our excellent library during **National Library Week, April 12-18**, with yard signs proclaiming "I'm a Library Champion." The signs echo the library's mission: Kalamazoo Public Library champions reading, ignites imagination and ensures access to information and ideas.



To get a yard sign, pick one up at any KPL location or at the Friends Bookstore after March 15. To become a Friends member, just complete and mail the attached application. Join the Library Champions!

There will be a very brief business meeting, including the election of new board members and officers, before Beth's talk.

spring cleaning?

The Friends Bookstore will gladly take your gently-used children's books, adult fiction, both current and classic, and nonfiction, current and relevant. We also love audiobooks, CDs, videos, and DVDs. Donations may be dropped off at the Friends Bookstore or at the Central Library's service entrance next to the garage door during regular library hours.



membership application

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$100

Name

List all included on membership.

Address

City

State Zip

Phone

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☐ Check if OK to send Friends notices via email.

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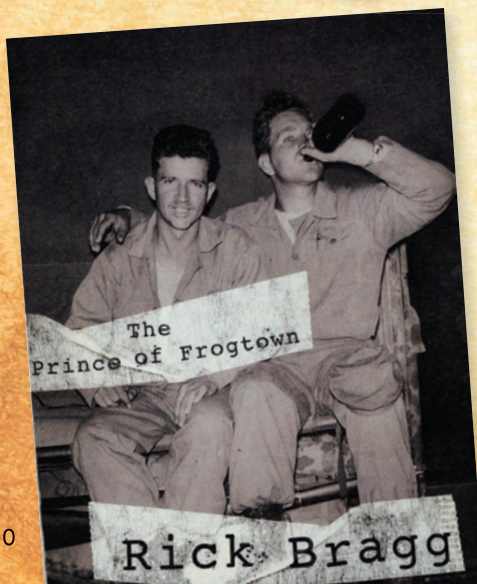
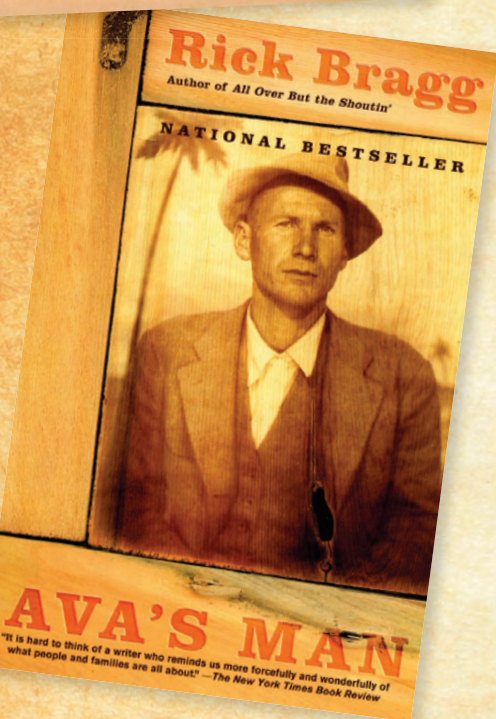
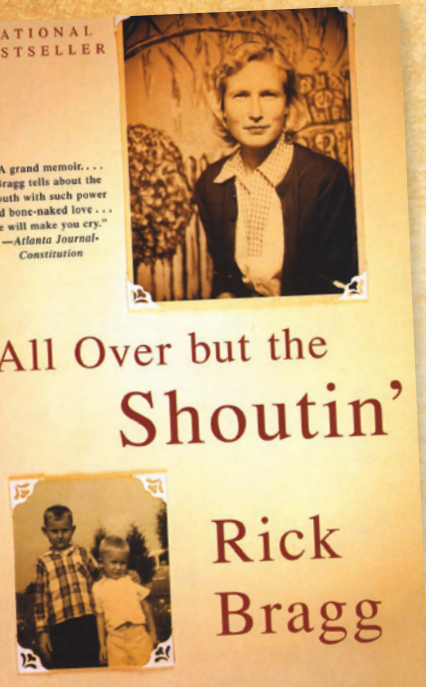
Friends of the Library
Kalamazoo Public Library
315 S. Rose St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

store hours

Wednesday	12 noon - 7 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Friday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 4 pm

Located on the lower level of the Central Library. Questions? Call 553-7820.

Reading Together



Kick-Off Event

March 4, 7 pm, Central

Enjoy a screening of short animated and video productions inspired by *All Over but the Shoutin'* created by students in Education for the Arts' advanced multimedia class.

Addiction and the Family

March 10, 7 pm, First Baptist Church,
315 W Michigan

Author and substance abuse expert Debra Jay's "compassionate, hopeful" book, *No More Letting Go*, effectively helps individuals and families affected by addiction. A regular visitor to the Oprah Winfrey Show, Jay has been writing a newspaper column on alcohol and drugs since 1996.

Bragg Family Dynamics

March 12, 7 pm, Oshtemo

Genograms help identify and interpret family relationships and dynamics, health history and heredity patterns. See how this fascinating tool applies to Bragg's family and use it to better understand your own. Presented by Paula Manley, Counseling Center of Family and Children Services, and Fritz MacDonald, College of Health and Human Services, WMU.

Writing Your Life: Collect Bits and Pieces

March 14, 1-4 pm, Portage District
Library, 300 Library Lane

Author Bonnie Jo Campbell shows aspiring memoir writers how to search the nooks and crannies of their lives for stories that others will want to read! Registration required; call 329-4542 x 600 to register.

Readers Theatre – Ava's Man

March 16, 7 pm, Friendship Village,
Kiva, 1400 N Drake

The rich characters and unforgettable stories of Charles, Ava and Rick come to life under the able hands of Whole Art Theatre director Tucker Rafferty.

Father Absence

March 19, 7 pm, Galilee Baptist Church,
1216 N Westnedge Ave

Robin Wright King, author of *Papa Was a Rolling Stone*, describes the financial, social, and emotional impact that an absent father has on his children.

Writing Your Life: What to Write?

March 21, 1-4 pm,
Portage District Library

Author Michael Steinberg will offer strategies, techniques, and examples to help memoir writers discover the stories they most urgently need to tell. Registration required; call 329-4542 x 600 to register.

Fried Chicken and Chess Pie

March 23, 6:30 pm,
Portage District Library

Explore the rich tradition of food in the culture and culinary history of the American South with three great southern cooks. Registration required; call 329-4542 x 600 to register. Materials fee of \$5 due at the door.

The Book as Literature

March 25, 7 pm, Kalamazoo Valley
Community College, Arcadia Commons
Campus, Room 128, 202 N Rose St

What makes for great literature? Presenter Isaac Turner, who teaches Southern literature at KVCC, will help you appreciate Rick Bragg's books on a deeper level.

Book Discussion

Thursday, March 26, 7 pm, Central
Monday, March 30, 7 pm, Oshtemo

Join in a casual discussion of all three books.

In Praise of Cornbread

April 1, 7 pm, Central

While found on dinner tables throughout the U.S., cornbread reigns supreme in the South. Discover the origins, styles and tasty variations of this beloved bread.

Talking Circle

April 6, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo

Jacque Eatmon will guide a Talking Circle, an exercise that to help family members share traits, values, health concerns, and childhood stories. Techniques will be presented to help make family conversations easier. Bring a valued keepsake.

The World Café

April 9, 7 pm, Davenport University,
4123 W Main St

Mary Jo Asmus will host a conversation about Rick Bragg's memoirs using the World Café model—by engaging collective intelligence and stimulating creative thinking about questions that matter. Registration required; call 553-7913 by April 3.

Meet Rick Bragg

April 14, 6:30 pm, Kalamazoo Central
High School, Auditorium, 2432 N Drake

Hear Rick Bragg read from his books, tell his stories, learn what he reads, and answer your questions. Book sale and signing to follow. Free; no ticket required. Open seating.

Old-Fashioned Supper

April 16, 6 pm, St. Luke's Church,
247 W Lovell St

Conclude Reading Together in true church potluck fashion. Bring a dish to pass: main dish if your last name starts with A-L; side dish or dessert for last names M-Z. RSVP required; call 553-7913. Space limited; reserve early.

tell your story

Has reading Rick Bragg's memoirs made you remember your family's stories? Save them for future generations! Record your memories with a family member or friend at the library during Reading Together.

Your conversation will be preserved by KPL's Local History Room and eventually made available through KPL's website, with your permission. You'll also receive a free CD of your recording to share.

This project was inspired by StoryCorps' National Day of Listening. Since 2003, tens of thousands of everyday people have interviewed family and friends through StoryCorps. To learn more, visit www.storycorps.net.

Recording will be by appointment only. Appointments will be available on the hour according to the schedule below from March 2 to April 18. Call 553-7822 or email interview@kpl.gov.

Mondays, 5-8 pm

Tuesdays, 10 am-2 pm

Wednesdays, 5-8 pm

Thursdays, 10 am-2 pm

Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm



Praise for Rick Bragg

Rick Bragg's critically acclaimed, best-selling Southern nonfiction includes the trio of memoirs about his family that have become anthems of working-class Americans — this year's Reading Together selections.

Bragg has earned more than 50 writing awards in his 20 years of journalism, including the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing for his elegantly written stories about contemporary America written for *The New York Times*.

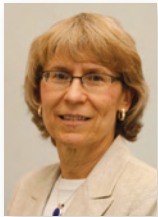
Bragg will receive the Harper Lee Award for Alabama's Distinguished Writer of the Year on May 1, 2009. In announcing the award, the Alabama Writers' Forum called Rick Bragg "a consummate storyteller in the southern tradition of 'pull up a chair, and let me tell you about the time....'"

The Providence Journal says "Bragg writes in that sumptuous, multilayered, image-rich Southern yarn-spinning manner that seduces as fast as you can read it. It unwinds beautifully." A *New York Times Book Review* proclaimed, "It is hard to think of a writer who reminds us more forcefully and wonderfully of what people and families are all about."

director's note

library use growing

Times are tight and getting tighter—which means that people of all ages are now remembering what they may have overlooked in brighter days—a wonderful free resource.



You may have seen stories in the national news about increased library use—

that's true for KPL, too. Like libraries across the country, KPL is welcoming more patrons every day. I've featured many of those stories in my blog, www.kpl.gov/director/blog.

Many of those library users are working on resumes, completing online job applications, reviewing job ads, applying for unemployment benefits, and upgrading their computer skills in KPL's free computer classes. It's pretty clear: libraries get busier during tough economic times.

So far, for KPL's year, which began in July 2008, library staff have answered 9% more reference questions and assisted 22% more patrons. We've loaned 7% more books and magazines and 27% more non-print materials—especially movies and music. Public use of free library wifi has increased 34%. We've offered 50% more events for adults—attendance has grown by 47%. Patron use of library equipment,



primarily of public computers, is up a staggering 54%. Your award-winning library has become a transforming force in our patrons' lives—evolving from a cultural amenity to a civic necessity.

Now is a good time to remind you that your library is here to serve, help and support you in good times and bad. It's also a good time to remind you of the upcoming vote to renew the library's millage.

- What:** The 20-year renewal of the KPL operating millage
- When:** May 5, 2009
- Where:** Your regular polling place
- Why:** To maintain the high level of service and support that has placed the library at the heart of the community's strength and potential

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Spring Fun



Storytelling with Sid "The Rock" Ellis March 18, 6 pm, Powell

Sid "The Rock" Ellis presents a family program of puppetry and storytelling. Kids of all ages will enjoy his dramatic weaving of tales from around the world that teach principles of sharing, caring and just plain fun. Sid will also introduce you to his puppet friends that spread joy with inspirational songs.

Raptor Ready

April 3, 4 pm, Powell

Explore the world of the flying hunters and learn how these birds are built to do their job. Come along with educator Karen Wilson and the live birds of prey from the Kalamazoo Nature Center as we take a closer look at the tools of this trade. This is an hour-long interactive program for all ages.

Parrots Galore!

April 6, 1 pm, Eastwood

Enjoy learning about the personalities of 20 different parrots. Bird rescuer Denise Heath will introduce us to her family of birds. Family program. An adult caregiver should accompany all children. Come early, space limited.

The Wizard of Oz

April 9, 11 am, Central

Bob Walls, puppeteer extraordinaire, and his hand-carved, beautifully costumed Stevens Puppets Marionettes take us to the magical, beautiful, and dangerous land of Oz in this fantasy adventure for the whole family.

Make It, Take It Crafts

April 9, 12:30-4:30 pm, Oshtemo

Drop in and make some breezy Spring crafts.

What Is a Reptile?

April 10, 1 pm, Eastwood

Ever seen an American alligator, a Savannah monitor lizard, or a bearded dragon? Jason and Lindsay Preslar from Naturally Wild will teach us about reptiles and introduce us to some of their interesting reptile friends. Family program.

An African Journey

April 15, 6 pm, Powell

Fun, educational, interactive discovery of Africa with Windows of Color from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Family program.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

April 21, 6:30 pm, Central

Kalamazoo Junior Dance Company will present a story dance based on Laura Numeroff's classic children's book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Learn the major elements of dance and music through storytelling and try out some of your own dance moves. Family program.

What's Cooking? 🍳

April 27, 4 pm, Oshtemo

Kids can get cooking with "no stove needed" yummy recipes that we'll make (and sample, of course!). We'll add some spice with appetizing stories, too. Grades 1-4.

Author Visits



Meet Amy Young

April 23, 7 pm, Central

Belinda is a ballerina with a big problem—two big problems: her left foot and her right foot. Her feet don't stop her from dancing beautifully, but they land her in hot water in each of the four books in the BELINDA series. Author and illustrator Amy Young will share Belinda's latest adventures in her new book *Belinda Begins Ballet*. Books available for sale and signing. Family program.

Meet Nic Bishop

May 27, 7 pm, Central

Learn about butterflies and snow leopards with award-winning children's author and world renowned nature photographer Nic Bishop. Highlighting his two new books, Nic will share slides of beautiful butterflies and tell about his adventures tracking snow leopards in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia. Books available for sale and signing. Family program.

📍 Registration required. Registration begins 30 days before program. Please call the library location to register.

Storytimes

Storytimes for children from birth to 5 years. Librarians consider children's developmental stages when planning stories, fingerplays, and craft activities. Please enroll your child in the appropriate program, and bring only the child who is registered to each session. An adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers up to 3½ years. Questions? Talk to your children's librarian.

New!

Baby Storytime for Guys, birth-walking

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30 pm, Central

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30 pm, Central

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 pm, Central

Storytime for dads and male caregivers and their children. 15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, books and more!

Baby Storytime I, birth-walking 📍

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9:30 am, Central

April 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:15 am, Washington Square

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:15 am, Oshtemo

Storytime for the youngest library patron! 15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books, followed by a chance to talk and bond with other caregivers.

Baby Storytime II, walking-2 years 📍

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, Central

April 3, 10, 17, 24, 11 am, Washington Square

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 11 am, Oshtemo

15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books that give your little one a chance to try the newly learned skills of walking, clapping, jumping, and dancing.

Toddler Storytime, 2-3½ years 📍

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 am, Eastwood

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, Central

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 am, Washington Square

Toddlers and caregivers will enjoy this lap-sit of stories, songs, and a simple craft.

Preschool Storytime, 3½-5 years 📍

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, Eastwood

May 4, 11, 18, 10 am, Central

This first "on your own" storytime for preschoolers includes stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities.

Family Storytime

March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am, Washington Square

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, Eastwood

Storytime for the whole family!

Storytime with Mr. Steve & Friends

March 24, 6:30 pm, Central, Van Deusen Room

May 14, 6:30 pm, Central, Van Deusen Room

A storytime for the whole family, complete with celebrity readers, musical guests, and zany crafts. Expect the unexpected when Mr. Steve gets a little help from his friends.

kids



Día de los Niños/ Día de los Libros April 25, 11 am, Central

Children's Day/Book Day (also known as Día) celebrates children, families, cultures, and reading at the end of April every year. Come enjoy crafts, door prizes, sweet treats, stories and songs in both Spanish and English. Every child who comes will receive a free book. Fun for the whole family.

Acclaimed bilingual author Pat Mora, who has written books for children, teens and adults, founded Día to nurture bookjoy—delight in the magic of words and a passion for reading. *Book Fiesta!*, Mora's newest picture book, shows children and families of varied cultures, speaking different languages, reading—even in a hot air balloon

TV Turnoff Week April 20-26, 2009

Break free from the tyranny of TV and computer screens this week! Read with your family. Go play at a park. Bake cookies, fingerpaint, or plant some flowers. Help others in your community. Time away from screens leads to healthier bodies and minds. Learn more about TV Turnoff Week at www.screentime.org



📍 Registration required. Registration begins 30 days before program. Please call the library location to register.

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553-7984

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